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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a Three-month(s) extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated August 31, 2005. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 28, 2006.

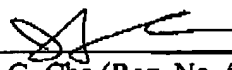
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- ☐ \$1,590.00 for response within fourth month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4));
- ☐ \$2,160.00 for response within fifth month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5)).

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